



## MEDIA RELEASE

Press Conference December 15, 2008

The Riley County Fire Dist #1 held their Ninth Annual Firefighters Recognition Banquet Saturday evening in the Blue Hills Room. Over 130 firefighters and their family members attended. The participants enjoyed a great meal catered by Ramblers, recognized their own members for some of their accomplishments and drew for door prizes that were donated by local businesses and residents.

Among those being honored were:

- Don Nelson who received his plaque for 40 years of service and the coveted Harold Bellman Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Bruce Kaump, Bruce Zimmer and Charlie Peterson received plaques for 30 years of dedicated service.
- Aaron Weller and Dave Silva for 20 years of service
- Gary Hargrave, Art and Dorthea Palmer, Robert Conner, John Smothers, Gordon Sabo and Mary Conner for 10 years of service.
- Carl Hill received his award for 2007 Outstanding New Firefighter and the 2008 Most Active Firefighter.
- Nick Dawson received the 2008 Outstanding New Firefighter award.
- Fire Chief Pat Collins presented a plaque for Bravery, above and beyond the call of duty, for the personnel responding from Ogden station and Manhattan Airport Station to the fatality fire January 31, 2008 in Ogden. During the attempts to rescue the victim from the fire several items for firefighter apparel were damaged from the intense heat.

Just a reminder, we could have the best apparatus in the world, but they don't turn a wheel without our brave volunteers! Those fine people that volunteer their time are our greatest asset!

Help Us Help You! Join today!

If you have additional questions please contact Fire Chief Pat Collins at 785-537-6333.



















